# CANAL REPORT

President Favors the Lock System House Passes a Bill Under Suspension President Trying to Patch Up the Recommended by Chief Engineer Stevens.

CONGRESS MUST DECIDE WORK FOR CENSUS BUREAU PROVISION WORKED

EXAMPLE.

Washington, Feb. 19 .- President Roosereport of the board of consulting engineers upon the Panama canal, together with the letter of Secretary Taft, the report of the Isthmian canal commission and a letter by Chief Engineer Stevens. The letter of the president is as follows: "To the Senate and House of Represent-

atives:
"I submit herewith the letter of the secretary of war, transmitting the report of the board of consulting engineers upon the Panama canal, and the report of the Isthmian canal commission thereon, together with a letter written to the chairman of the Isthmian canal commission by Chief Engineer Stevens. Both the gether with a letter written to the chairman of the Isthmian canal commission by Chief Engineer Stevens. Both the board of consulting engineers and the canal commission divide in their report. The majority of the board of consulting engineers, elght in number, including the flye foreign engineers, favor a sea level canal; and one member of the canal commission. Admiral Endicott, takes the same view. Five of the eight American members of the board of consulting engineers and five members of the Isthmian canal commission favor the lock canal, and so does Chief Engineer Stevens. The secretary of war recommends a lock canal, pursuant to the recommendation of the minority of the board of consulting engineers and of the majority of the canal commission. After careful study of the papers submitted and full and exhaustive consideration of the whole subject, I concur in this recommendation.

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'It will be noticed that the American Mexico and other territories gambling two to many of the consulting board and upon the commission, by a more than two to one majority, favor the lock canal, whereas the foreign engineers are a unit against it. I think this is partly to be explained by the fact that the great traffic of the old world is the Suez canal, a sea level canal, whereas the great traffic canal of the new world is the Sauit Ste. Marie canal of the new world is the Sauit Ste. Marie canal, a lock canal. Although the latter, the Soo, is closed to navigation during the winter months, it carries annually three times the traffic of the Suez canal. In my judgment the very able argument of the majority of the board of consulting engineers is vitiated by their failure to pay proper heed to the board operation of the Soo canal. It must be borne in mind, as the commission points out, that there is no question of building what has been picturesquely termed "the Straits of Panama"; that is, a waterway through which the largest vessels could go with safety at uninterrupted high speed. Both the sea level and the proposed lock canal would be too narrow and shallow to be called with any truthfulness a strait, or to have any of the propostes of a wide, deep water of the straits of panama"; that is, a waterway through which the largest vessels could go with safety at uninterrupted to the White House and builting ambiling in the territories gambling in the territories illegal. The bill makes gam-tion the judiciary of the bill makes gam-tion the judiciary of the winter making gambling in the territories and billing in the territories and bill reported from the judiciary of the literature of the Millem returned to the White House at 4 o'clock in the erritories illegal. The bill makes gam-tion the judiciary of the loss of the sauit state of the sauit state of the sauit state of the sauit state. The bill makes gam-tion the judiciary of the proposed by the construction and the proposed of the sauit state of the proposed to the sauit state of the proposed to the engineers upon the consulting board and any truthfulness a strait, or to have any of the properties of a wide, deep water strip. Both of them would be canals, pure and single. Each type has certain disadvantages and certain advantages. But in my judgment the disadvantages. But in my judgment the disadvantages are fewer and the advantages very much greater in the case of a lock canal as proposed in the papers forwarded herewith, and I call especial attention to the fact that the chief engineer who will be mainly responsible for the success of this mighty engineering feat, and who has therefore, a peculiar personal interest in judging aright, is emphatically and earnestly in favor of the lock canal project and against the sea level project.

### Array of Alleged Facts.

following are the facts:

"The sea level canal would be slightly less exposed to damage in the event of war; the running expenses, apart from the heavy cost of interest upon the amount employed to build it, would be less; and for small ships the time of transit would probably be less. Upon the other hand, the lock canal at a level of eighty feet or thereabouts would not cost much more than half as much to build, and could be built in about half the time, while there would be very much less risk connected with building it, and for large ships that transit would be quicker, while, taking into account the interest upon the amount saved in building, the actual cost of maintenance would be less. After being built it would be easier to enlarge the lock canal than the sea level canal. Moreover, what has been actually demonstrated in making and operating the great lock canal, the Soo, a more important artery of traffic than the great sea level canal, the Suez, goes to support the opinion of the minority of the consulting board of engineers and of the majority of the Isthmian canal committee as to the superior safety, feasibility and desirability of building a lock mittee as to the superior safety, feasi-bility and desirability of building a lock canal at Panama.

### Law Favors Lock Canal.

"The law now on our statute books seems to contemplate a lock canal. In my judgment a lock canal as herein recommended is advisable. If the congress directs that a sea level canal be constructed, its direction will, of course, be carried out. Otherwise the canal will be built on substantially the plan for a lock canal outlined in the accompanying papers, such changes being made, of course, as may be found actually necessary, including possibly the change recommended by the secretary of war as to the site of the dam on the Pacific side.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

"The White House, Feb. 19, 1906." "The White House, Feb. 19, 1906."

The letter of Secretary Taft treats at length the recommendations of the board and the commission and discusses the reasons why he is led to approve the construction of a lock canal instead of a sea level canal. In closing he invites attention to the satisfactory character of the discussion of the two types of canal, "by the greatest canal engineers of the world," which he says insures to the president and to congress an opportunity president and to congress an opportunity to consider all the arguments, pro and con, in reaching a proper conclusion.

## CONFUCIUS AND BUDDHA RELEGATED TO THE REAR

Washington, Feb. 19.—In this week's bulletin of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, a report from Consul General Sammons at Niu Chwang states that Kuan Feng Ho, the magistrate of Hai Cheng, has turned two large Buddhist temples and a temple of Confucius into temples of modern education and modern prison reform methods. In these schools bright Japanese educators are also preparing native teachers for the schools soon to be established in the entire district. The import trade of Tien Tsin shows a notable increase in American products, especially in manuwith Mr. Liegare of South Carolina. The with Mr. Aiken of South Carolina. The American products, especially in manufactures of cotton and kerosene.

### KILLED BY INSANE WIFE.

Columbus, O., Feb. 19.-John + Columbus, C., Feb. 13.—John Congenbauch was found dead on the floor of his home in Walhonding, Coshocton county, today with his head split open, while an axe the hold of the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkine to imprisonment, one of them to fifteen years. Twenty-five men were acquitted. the floor of his home in Walhond- + ing, Coshocton county, today with + his head split open, while an axe
 covered with blood lay near by. + covered with blood lay near by. †

+ His wife, who is crazy, was sleep- †

+ ing by his side, and it is supposed †

+ that she committed the deed. The †

+ body was found by John Singer, †

+ 10 years old. \*

\*THE BIG WALL PAPER STORE."

The new Wall Paper Store, the store for the people; The Big Line; The New Line; The Popular Line. C. H. Bodel, hanged here today.

\*\*Chernigoff, Russia, Feb. 19.—Korotki, the man who made an attempt upon the life of Governor Khovostoff, was hanged here today.

# LAST ROOSTING PLACE UNSAFE

of the Rules Prohibiting Gambling in the Territories.

PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Feb. 19.-Three bills velt today transmitted to congress the were passed under suspension of the rules-requiring a two-thirds vote-in the house today.

The first makes gambling unlawful in the territories of the United States, including Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Alaska. The bill was directed particularly at Ari-

The third appropriates \$50,000 for the limit the appeal to what is regarded as constitutionally necessary purchase of 300 acres of coal lands on the island of Batan, one of the Philip-pine archipelago group. On the latter

An effort by Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania to set consideration of the bill incorporating the Lake Erie & Ohio Ship Canal company immediately after that point felt at all satisfied. the army appropriation bill failed. The army bill will be taken up tomorrow. The first business of the house was the passage of the senate bill allowing the entrance and clearance of oil laden vessels at San Luis Obispo, Port Hart-

#### Anti-Gambling Bill.

Stating that in Arizona and New New York, New Haven & Hartford Mexico and other territories gambling railroad, talked with the president tois licensed, Mr. Littlefield of Maine en-

egate Mark Smith of Arizona.
"I do not wish it understood that I am here in sympathy with gambling." he began, "but I do protest against the gentleman from Maine, the furtherest point in the United States from my have coming in howe to maddle in our home, coming in here to meddle in our quarrels, when, with prohibition in his own state, there are 150 saloons open in the town of Bangor, Me. It is a pro-hibition that don't prohibit. I submit

spreading out over the southwest."

He declared that there was no pure motive behind the bill; that it was for the purpose of influencing Arizona for joint statehood.

Mr. Smith contended that the territorial assembly would prohibit gambling at its next session. He said he would ask unanimous consent to amend "A careful study of the reports seems to establish a strong probability that the following are the facts:

"The sea level canal would be slightly less expessed to damage in the country of the clude Alaska, the Philippings Parks United States." He said this would include Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico, the District of Columbia and all

#### other territories. Littlefield Was Angry.

In replying. Mr. Littlefield exhibited considerable feeling. Speaking of Delegate Smith, Mr. Littlefield said:
"I tried to treat him like a gentleman, but the first thing he does is to meet me with a green. I do not propose. meet me with a sneer. I do not propose to be swung aside on this debate on prohibition in Maine. He knows as little about that as the average gentleman who casts the same aspersions."

Later Mr. Littlefield refused to allow
Mr. Smith to interrupt him. This led to a second statement by Mr. Smith to

make clear that he was not making a defense of gambling. The bill was passed on a viva voce

Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana secured consideration of a bill making it the duty of the director of the census to road co compile reports decennially on life, fire, marine and casualty insurance; fisheries, electrical industries, savings banks and judicial statistics of crime. reports are on additional subjects to those upon which reports are made. Two Carloads of Southern Pacific The bill was passed by a rising vote of

### For Land in Philippines.

A bill was considered under suspension of the rules appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase of certain lands on

Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin said the government spent about \$1,000,000 annually in the Philippines for coal. He said by the purchase of the coal lands it would save the government about \$400,000 an-

Opposition to the bill was made by Mr. Underwood, Mr. Madden of Illinois and Mr. Slayden of Texas, on the ground that the price asked was too high, and also that the government At this place two cars were set the court and will be held until the text. ought not to go into the coal mining

Mr. Fitzgerald of New York said that should the bill pass the scheme was to lease the lands to Mr. Scott, president of the Union Iron works of San Francisco. "But this part of the plan does not appear in the bill," he said. The bill was passed, 121 to 36.

rules be suspended to make an order after the passage of the army appropriation bill, the consideration of a bill incorporating the Lake Erie & Ohio

Ship Carel.

the question with Mr. Legare of South Carolina. Hereafter he will be paired with Mr. Aiken of South Carolina. The car crews on July 2, 1905. He pleaded house then adjourned until tomorrow.

## MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

Sebastopol, Feb. 19.-A courtmartial here

# CONFERENCE ON RAILWAY RATES

Hepburn Bill to Meet Ideas of the Opposition.

"SOO" CANAL HELD UP AS AN LANDS TO BE BOUGHT IN THE MOODY, KNAPP AND PROUTY THE AUTHORS.

> Washington, Feb. 19.—Following a conference between Attorney General terday holding court.
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> Judge Armstrong will set criminal cases for trial today. He was in Coalville yesterday holding court. Moody and Speaker Cannon and Sena-Moody and Speaker Cannon and Sena-tors Clapp and Dolliver, the attorney general and Chairman Knapp and submitted in the supreme court yester-Commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission, held a conference with President Roosevelt today at which railroad rate legislation was discussed thoroughly The effort was to so shape the provide a conference with President Roosevelt today at which railroad rate legislation was discussed thoroughly The effort was which railroad rate legislation was discussed thoroughly The effort was to so shape the provisions from the Hepburn bill regarding appeal to the courts as to make it certain that the bill is constitutional and yet, so far as there is power by law to do so, then

The president is understood to be-lieve that Messrs Moody, Knapp and Prouty have worked out a satisfacbill a debate of two hours was had. The others were debated forty minutes each. in the Hepburn bill or in the original in the Hepburn bill or in the original

#### MELLEN WAS PRESENT.

Railroad President Called Into Con-

day at length on the rate question.

General James Kettner.

Junction City, Kan., Feb. 19.-Brigadier General James Kettner, retired, died at his home here today of la grippe, aged 68 years. He fought the gentleman should confine his philanthropies to his own state, instead of He was prominent in Kansas Democratic politics for years, and once was offered the nomination for governor.

### John W. Slaven.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.-John W. Slaven, who was one of the best known aged 62. Complications following pneumonia caused his death.

### Mary Wilkes.

Italy, Feb. 19.-Mary Wilkes, widow of Rear Admiral Wilkes, U. S. N., is dead, aged 85 years. Her daughter attended her during her last

### George A. Coster.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—George A. Coster, congressman from the Third Penn-sylvania district, died today after a long illness, aged 51.

### Forest Flood.

Denver, Feb. 19.—Forest Flood, a well known actor, died at his home here of pneumonia, aged 34 years, tonight. He had played with Nethersole, Walsh and other leading at the second.

### John C. Wilson.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.-John C. Wilson, for many years in charge of the real estate department of the Pennsylvania Rail- clear the track. any, died suddenly today of ap-

### SMALLPOX ON BOARD TRAIN

Passengers on a Sidetrack at Reno, Nev., Under Guard.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 19 .- Two car- doads of passengers on the South does not be south-</l → Reno tonight under strict quaran- → tine because of a case of smallpox + discovered when the train was near Winnemucca, Nev., shortly
 before noon today. The passengers are tourists from the east + bound for California. The train + + out and will be held until the authorities are satisfied thorough-+ ly there is no chance of the disease + spreading further.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* CHAPELLE'S SUCCESSOR.

Rome, Feb. 19.—The congregation of the propaganda met today to decide on the appointment of a new archbishop of New Orleans to succeed the late Archbishop

#### PAT CROWE ARRAIGNED. Council Bluffs, Ia., Feb. 19.-Pat

Crowe was arraigned today on the not guilty.

## LUMBERMAN KILLED.

Chehalis, Wash, Feb. 19.—George S. Reed, superintendent of the Chehalis Lumber company mill at Littell, a town four miles west of Chehalis, was killed yesterday evening by a logging train. He was 45 years old and leaves a family.

## DISMISSED

Agreement Reached Between California and Comstock

Companies.

ders, three boys, were fined \$2 apiece by Judge Willis Brown of the juvenile court yesterday for driving across street crossings at a rate faster than that prescribed by city ordinance.

Judgment of foreelosure for \$8,500, costs and attorney's fees was rendered by Judge Morse yesterday in the case of Carrie Cain vs. Frederick Heath et al. The property involved consists of several lots in plat A, Salt Lake.

Judge Marshall sitting in the United

Railroad President Called Into Conference at the White House.

Washington, Feb 19.—Senator Knox and Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, talked with the president today at length on the rate question.

In the case of Robert Cleary versus the Newhouse Mines & Smelters company, which came up for hearing before Judge Marshall in the circuit court yesterday, the demurrer of the defendant to the amenided complaint was sustained. Judge Marshall ordered the plaintiff to file an amended complaint within twenty days.

## FRESH STURGEON IN MARKET

After Absence of Six Months Fish Makes Reappearance -Few Utah Products.

For the first time in nearly six months fresh sturgeon made its appearance at one of the local wholesale houses yesterday. The wholesale price of the fish was marked 15 cents per pound. It is more than probable that the ritail price will be close to 20 cents per pound when the fish makes its appearance in the market stalls.

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Sturgeon has been sold for several weeks by some of the dealers, but the article was not the genuine fresh fish, so some of the wholesalers claim. The sturgeon offered on the market by retailers was what is known as iced or cold storage fish. The large schools of sturgeon will not begin to run to any extent for the next three weeks, it is said. After the sturgeon schools begin running well the fish will be plentiful in the local market. The price will then drop to about 15 cents per pound retail.

Utah celery is scarce and of second grade. The bright, fresh, crisp celery which was so plentiful about Christmas time is now off the market entirely. The present offerings are somewhat withered and discolored and have a bitter taste. The price of celery runs on the average

The price of celery runs on the average at about 5 cents per bunch, or three ches for a dime

Utah products are nearly all now second grade. Apples, potatoes and nearly all vegetables of the better grades are being imported from other states, principally Idaho and California.

#### ROCK SLIDE COVERS GREAT NORTHERN TRACK

Spokane. Wash., Feb. 19.—A huge rock slide on the Great Northern rallway near Katka, Ida., in Kootenai canyon, has buried nearly 500 feet of track to a depth of thirty feet. A large force of men is clearing the slide, which was found Sunday afternoon in time to a start of the slide. clearing the side, which was found Sunday afternoon in time to prevent any wrecks. The passengers of all trains are being transferred. The canyon near Katka is the most treacherous on the Great Northern and the scene of several fatal wrecks. It will require several days to clear the track.

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## **AMUSEMENTS**

The acting version of "Parsifal," the ntensely rengious music-drama which, as ar as Salt Lake is concerned, was only In the United States circuit court before Judge John A. Marshall, the case of the California Mining & Milling company against the Comstock Silver Mining company against the Comstock Silver Mining company came up for hearing yesterday. By agreement the case was dismissed, with the costs assessed against either party. The cost assessed against either party. The california company alleged that the Company x-mounting in all to \$81,000. The California company alleged that the Comstock company x-tracted certain ore valued at about \$90,000. The title to mining claims alleged to be worth \$21,000 was also brought into the suit.

The case of Richard Howe, appellant, vs. Isaac Sears et al., respondents, from the Third district court, was argued and submitted in the supreme court yesterday.

The case of W. L. Lewis vs. the Utah Consolidated Mining company for damages alleged to have been caused by a smelter to farming land is on trial before the case of Heber M. Wells vs. A. G. Green et al., involving an area in conflict between the Tulare and West Mountain mining claims in this county.

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and Mr. Rupp as Gregory deserves favorable mention.

"Parsifal" is well worth seeing. The performance is compressed into three hours and a quarter, beginning promptly at 7:45. This may seem long, but it is much shorter than the Wagnerian version and it is better than all the lectures that could possibly be delivered on the subject. Harry B. Emery, brother of Sheriff Emery and an old Salt Lake man, is one of the proprietors of the production. He has reason to be proud of it.

The play will be seen at the Theatre again tonight, tomorrow night and at a matinee tomorrow.

matinee tomorrow. Mile. Chester's dog was the bright particular star at the Orpheum last evening. It will undoubtedly prove the attraction throughout the week. The beautiful animal played his part to perfection. Its posing was fine and as it was entirely out of the ordinary it appealed not only to all lovers of animals, but to the jaded theatre-goer as well. In a beautiful setout of the ordinary it appealed not only to all lovers of animals, but to the jaded theatre-goer as well. In a beautiful setting and thrown against a dark background the dog which is a beauty and pure white, posed in a number of hunting tableaus with his master. Each pose was a perfect picture in itself. The dog never moved a muscle while the curtain was up until at the close he came forward to receive his applause. This he seemed to enjoy to the fullest extent.

Next to the posing dog the number that seemed to appeal to the first night crowd with most force was the skit presented by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kelcy, "Uncle Phineas." This was perhaps the brightest thing in the way of comedy seen at this house since the opening. The piece in itself is bright and new and Mr. and Mrs. Kelcy get all there is in the way of fun out of it. It made a good hit last evening.

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Wynne Winslow was well received. She Wynne Winslow was well received. She has a well trained soprano voice and a good stage presence. She was compelled to respond to three encores. The number that seemed to give most general satisfaction was "Lazy Moon." In this her voice which has a good range and fine quality especially in the higher notes, appeared to best advantage.

Trask & Rogers pleased the crowd with their songs, dances and all-around foolishness. J. A. Murphy and Eloise Willard in "The Phrenologist" came in for hearty applause. The moving pictures were as good as any seen at the house. The bill will run through the week.

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There was a fairly good first-night au-dlence present in spite of strong counter attractions. Professor Weihe contributed his full share to the enjoyment of the evening with two numbers that called out generous applause. These were the "Light Cavalry" by Suppe and "Liberty March" by Clauder.

"The Soldier of the Empire" drew a good audience to the Grand last night. The engagement closes with two performances, matinee and evening, tomor-

"Miner's Americans" are pleasing pat-ons of the Lyric very much. The com-any remains at that playhouse through

Friday evening. The sale of seats for the engagement of the Roscian Comic Opera company at the Salt Lake theatre commencing with a matinee Washington's Birthday, opens to-day, "The Mikado," "El Capitan," "The Bohemian Girl" and "Fra Diavolo" is the repertoire announced at dollar prices.

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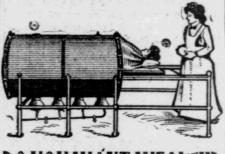
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